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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged in the West, but higher in the East and Midwest when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best into fast food channels and where first of the month business was active. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good following the extended weekend. Wings were barely adequate to tight and moving well, breast items were sufficient to well cleared, closest for tenders. Dark meat was adequate to close with boneless cuts in the shortest position. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 01-JAN-2007

(cents per lb)

Areas	US grade A		: Composite	
	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds	Lds
Boston/New England	TFEWR			64.55 26
Chicago	62.00-65.00	65.13	35	66.80 59
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			65.88 18
Denver	76.50	76.50	12	77.46 13
Detroit	64.00-66.00	66.70	10	68.15 43
Los Angeles	77.00	76.07	61	71.20 169
New York	64.00-67.00	65.87	23	62.97 66
Philadelphia	63.50-65.00	64.30	10	64.79 21
Pittsburgh	63.00-66.00	65.00	11	68.58 56
St. Louis	65.00-65.25	64.54	20	64.97 33
San Francisco	77.50	77.37	30	76.17 71

Composite Weighted Average

Loads 01/01/07 Change Last Wk 12/25/06 01/02/06
575 68.06 .43 67.63 63.33

WOG broilers - (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and ltl quantities:

Marketing Regions	Majority	Wtd Avg	Lds
Eastern	65.00-70.00	68.48	47
Central	65.00-71.00	68.62	57
Western	72.00-76.00	73.86	35
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	69.00-71.00	69.84	92

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES - BASED ON ICE-PACKED USDA GRADE "A" SIZED 2 1/2 TO 3 POUND BIRDS.

MONDAY, JAN 01, 2007 - This week's trading 70.00 cents.

WEDNESDAY, JAN 03, 2007 - Next week's trading advanced .50 to 70.50 cents, this compares to 70.25 cents last year on January 4, 2006.

LOADS	RANGE	MON FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIV	Wed., Jan 3, 2007
992	57.00-74.00	69.45	
		Confirmed FINAL wtd avg price on ice-packed parts:	Quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading:
ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS/LB)	VOLUME (000/LBS)	DOCK PRICE (CENTS/LB)
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50	1,238	166.50
BREASTS - B/S	136.00	5,123	138.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,262	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.50	1,023	96.00
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	8,289	33.00
WINGS	111.00	2,429	114.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged moderate to good following the holiday the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance to well cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were tight. The balance of items were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand following the holiday weekend was mostly light to moderate, instances moderate for active retail ads and first of the month business. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to short of full trade needs with most plants running part time schedules. In the parts structure, interest was fair to fairly good. Wings were tight and continued to move strong at premium levels. Breast items and dark meat cuts were no more than adequate to tight and frequently held with confidence. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN The final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trading reported on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at mainly higher prices. Offerings were in fair balance on heavy weights and at least adequate on smaller sizes. Buying activity increased to cover anticipated features. Retailer demand was moderate to good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 2.32 to 73.67 and the volume reported at 27 loads was up 4 percent.

MIDWEST Final majority prices were higher in all market compared to last Monday's final prices; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was fully steady to firm. Offers were limited for light trade interest. Retail demand was light to moderate. Food service trade was light to moderate, fast food normal to good. Floor stocks adequate to closely balanced; weights desirable. Parts trade inquiry was most active on wings and leg items. Supplies of all parts were limited and held with confidence. The market tone was fully steady to firm on parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 66 to 76 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, wings and tenders were generally well cleared. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 12/30/2006 WAS 9,882,509 @ 5.86 LBS
*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

	01/03/07	01/02/07
RANGE	60-80	59-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Jan 02 - Southern Broiler/Fryer Parts - not released due to Executive order as National Day of Mourning for President Gerald Ford.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED PLTRY.

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	

RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED PLTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		190-195

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	765	119.00-191.00	-	124.82
TENDERLOINS	208	117.00-190.00	-	126.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	345	41.00-49.00	42-43	43.78
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	768	30.00-36.00	32-33	32.05
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	924	32.00-39.00	35	34.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	325	98.00-112.00	98-101	101.98
WINGS (CUT)	105	119.00-131.00	119-121	121.76
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
JAN 03, 2007 - FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
45.50 - 50.50	47.63	47.46

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was noted as moderately good following the holiday weekend as dealers assess market conditions. Offerings of breast items were adequate to well cleared; wings and tenders were in close balance to short for current trade needs. Other dark meat items were sufficient and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was firm for tenders and wings; steady to fully steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JAN 02				JAN 03			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	127.33	510,476	BREAST - B/S	130-135	110.63	1,121,916
TENDERLOINS	125	119.92	110,400	TENDERLOINS	125-130	120.52	222,840
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	79.06	70,760	BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	76.73	136,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	73.68	68,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	70	74.31	70,200
LEGS	46-47	46.64	148,600	LEGS	46-47	46.52	355,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	33.48	214,160	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32-33	32.89	442,040
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	43.36	68,901	DRUMSTICKS	34-35	39.73	139,014
THIGHS	38-39	46.13	46,000	THIGHS	38-39	46.03	86,970
B/S THIGHS	99-100	96.95	31,960	B/S THIGHS	99-100	94.32	150,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	107-108	112.85	166,280	WINGS (WHOLE)	110-111	110.27	220,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.59	22,040	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.72	31,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.03	20,400	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.97	16,200
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	55.06	20,520	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	48.99	53,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METRO AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

*TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

JAN 02 ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)						JAN 03				
ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	WTS
Alabama	01/02 3,822	12/29 5,390	12/29 5.26	12/26 2,623	12/22 5.23	01/03 3,956	01/02 3,822	Holiday 5,390	12/29 5.26	12/25 3,885
Arkansas	4,483	6,284	5.19	2,691	5.08	5,440	4,483	Holiday 6,284	5.19	Holiday 5,270
Delmarva	2,347	2,872	5.78	2,336	5.76	2,324	2,347	Holiday 2,872	5.78	Holiday 2,344
KY-LA-TN	2,350	3,083	5.04	1,586	4.87	2,381	2,350	(A) 3,083	(A) 5.04	Holiday 2,389
Mississippi	2,450	3,656	5.25	1,995	5.78	2,656	2,450	(A) 3,656	(A) 5.25	Holiday 2,905
N. Carolina	2,715	3,637	6.71	2,055	6.78	2,753	2,715	(A) 3,637	(A) 6.71	Holiday 2,722
Texas	2,550	2,741	5.39	2,532	5.30	2,650	2,550	Holiday 2,741	5.39	Holiday 2,545
Total	20,717	27,663	5.48	15,818	5.31	22,160	20,717	674 27,663	5.60 5.48	22,060 0.00
Mon-Tue	21,393 (A)			15,818 (A)		Mon-Wed	43,553 (B)			37,878 (B)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jan 2007 is estimated to be 30,995,000 up 30.58 percent from a week ago and down 4.7 percent from a year ago.
(last week 23,736,000 last year 32,513,000)

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Jan-07 is estimated to be 33,154,000 head up 0.15 percent from a week ago and up 0.92 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,103,000, last year 32,852,000)

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-JAN-07

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/06/07 (1)	12/30/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	

Broiler/fryer	136,307 (2)	159,665
Light hens	853	787
Heavy hens	1,246	1,043
Total	138,406	161,495

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Jan-07 is 150.0 million head compared to 151.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 136.6 million head or 13.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 13-Jan-07 the estimated available is 155.4 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 01/01/07	36,813	60,489
AM 12/01/06	38,753	65,295
CHG	-1,940	-4,806
PCT CHG	-5	-7

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	01/02/07	12/27/06	01/02/06	01/02/07	12/27/06	01/02/06
PACIFIC COAST LOS ANGELES	1,683	1,595	309	8,659	8,677	5,280
ANGELES	180	198	39	2,278	2,399	3,009

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2007

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69-85

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 01/02/07

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	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	.50	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.40	2.00	1.69	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.50	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	26						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending December 29, 2006

	<u>Whole</u>		<u>Legs</u>	<u>Necks, Backs</u>	<u>Livers/</u>	
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>& Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	73.22	147.29	96.79	16.83	8.42	77.85
High	76.59	155.70	109.41	25.25	12.62	77.85
Mostly	74.49	151.50	109.41	25.25	12.62	77.85
SAN JUAN						
Low	73.22	151.50	105.21	21.04	8.42	84.16
High	76.59	159.91	113.62	25.25	12.62	84.16
Mostly	74.06	155.70	109.41	21.04	12.62	84.16
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	72.80	155.70	101.00	25.25	12.62	84.16
High	77.01	159.91	113.62	29.46	16.83	84.16
Mostly	73.64	159.91	109.41	25.25	12.62	84.16
BECERRA						
Low	74.06	155.70	101.00	25.25	12.62	84.16
High	77.43	164.12	113.62	29.46	16.83	84.16
Mostly	75.75	159.91	109.41	25.25	12.62	84.16

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,350	119.00-137.00	122-124	122.87
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QTRS (BULK)	1,364	30.00-42.00	30-32	31.45
LEG QTERS (4/10)	1,054	31.00-37.00	32	32.01
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,363	38.00-47.00	39	38.95

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 01-JAN-TO 05-DEC-2007

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 132.00	117.00 - 122.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	66.00 - 90.00	68.00 - 80.00
LEGS	41.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 36.00	31.00 - 33.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	32.00 - 37.00	34.00 - 35.00
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 39.00	-
THIGHS	38.00 - 47.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	110.00 - 120.00	112.00 - 117.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	32.00 - 36.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

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EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 29, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.50-17.50	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.90		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-21.00	12.00-16.00	1,412,000	692,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.82	13.98		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

*INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

DECEMBER 29, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-17.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.50-19.50	12.00-16.00	1,116,400	325,200
WTD AVERAGE	18.43	13.06		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.50	204,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.50		

*INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from producers. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-07

RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.	4.83

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Offerings were noted as seasonally light to fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for were reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-JAN-07

RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.	4.67

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Feb-07 is estimated at 156.7 million head. This compares to 158.4 million head the previous week and to 164.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 62.94 cents per pound.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES
DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 211 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 30, 2006. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED
DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 30, 2006. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through December 30, 2006 were 8.95 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED
TOTAL
19 SELECTED STATES

	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
WEEK ENDING 12/30/06			
EGGS SET	211,100	214,172	-01
CHICKS PLACED	168,299	173,580	-03

Source: NASS, USDA